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For: AN OPTICAL PROXIMITY CORRECTION METHOD UTILIZING GRAY BARS AS

SUB-RESOLUTION ASSIST FEATURES

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2003, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 31, 2003, a two month extension of time up to and including December 31, 2003 being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

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